

PATENT**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 14 and 18 as indicated in the following.

Please add claims 19-21 as indicated in the following.

Please cancel claims 16 and 17 without prejudice as indicated in the following.

Claims Listing:

1. (Original) A method of forwarding a call from a mobile phone, the method comprising:

determining that the mobile phone is within range of a wireless local area network base station with voice over internet protocol capability;
receiving an internet protocol address associated with the wireless local area network base station;
sending a call forwarding message including the internet protocol address from the mobile phone to a remote cellular network element of a wide area cellular network.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the cellular network redirects a call destined to the mobile phone to the wireless local area network base station for communication with the mobile phone using the voice over internet protocol.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the mobile phone determines that it is in range of the wireless local area network by receiving a message in accordance with [[the]]an IEEE 802.11 communication protocol.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the internet protocol address is communicated to the mobile phone using [[the]]a dynamic host configuration protocol.

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5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining that the mobile phone has moved out of range of the wireless local area network base station and sending a message to the cellular network element to cancel call forwarding to the wireless local area network base station.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the wide area cellular network sends a call directly to the mobile phone over [[the]]~~a~~ cellular spectrum after the mobile phone has moved out of range of the wireless local area network base station.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the mobile phone and the wireless local area network base station communicate bidirectionally using [[the]]~~a~~ voice over internet protocol.

8. (Original) A method of communicating from a wireless local area base station to a mobile phone, the method comprising:

determining that the mobile phone is within range of the wireless local area network base station, the wireless local area network base station having voice over internet protocol communications capability;
retrieving an internet protocol address and an optional port number associated with the wireless local area network base station from a memory; and
sending the internet protocol address and optional port number over a wireless fidelity communication link to the mobile phone.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving a call from a wide area network, the call directed to the mobile phone at the internet protocol address and the optional port number of the ~~VoIP provider~~wireless local area network base station.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the wide area network is a distributed computer network.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the wide area network includes a high speed wired communication channel.

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12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the high speed wired communication channel is a digital subscriber line connection.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising establishing a bidirectional communication path between the wireless local area network base station and the mobile phone and communicating using in accordance with a voice over internet protocol over the bidirectional communication path.

14. (Currently Amended) A mobile phone device comprising:
a housing;
an antenna attached to the housing;
a memory disposed within the housing, the memory to store an internet protocol address received by the mobile phone from a wireless local area network;
a wide area cellular communications module disposed within the housing, the wide area cellular communications module having a cellular interface to communicate with a remote wide area cellular network; and
a short-range wireless local area network module disposed within the housing, the short-range wireless local area network module having a wireless interface to communicate with [[a]]the wireless local area network having voice over internet protocol communications capability, wherein the wide area cellular communication module formulates a call forwarding message that includes the internet protocol address, the call forwarding message to be communicated to the remote wide area cellular network.

15. (Original) The mobile phone device of claim 14, wherein the wide area cellular communications module and the short-range wireless local area network module are computer software modules integrated within a digital processor device.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

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18. (Currently Amended) The mobile phone device of ~~claim 17~~claim 14, wherein the wide area cellular communication module formulates a message to cancel the previously communicated call forwarding message to be sent to the remote wide area cellular network.

19. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the call destined to the mobile phone is communicated between the remote cellular network element and the wireless local area network base station without utilizing a public switched telephone network.

20. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the internet protocol address is received at the mobile phone from the wireless local area network base station via a wireless connection.

21. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein sending the internet protocol address and the optional port number comprises sending the internet protocol address and the optional port number from the wireless local area network base station to the mobile phone.